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To whom it may concern:

I am applying for the position of analyst at the Analysis Group. I am motivated by a presentation given by several Analysis Group employees at Reed College in September. I could not resist comparing the work they described to writing a thesis. In both one must placate an expert academic, explore a little-known topic, write carefully for a non-specialist audience, and do rigorous mathematics. Having completed my thesis, I am cheered by the prospect of doing such work for pay.

I found writing a thesis in statistics enjoyable, despite the stress culture associated with the process at Reed College. I justified everything I believed to be true about statistical tests of equivalence, and I may even have found - pending additional research - a new result. Despite changing topics after the first semester, I was able to write the fifty page document in the three months of the second semester of my senior year, sleeping well, eating well, and exercising regularly all the while.

My thesis experience demonstrates an independence, balance and appetite for knowledge appropriate to an analyst at the Analysis Group. I like detail oriented work, especially when it involves writing code. I have a good understanding of the careful patience required to do mathematics correctly, whether abstract or applied. Finally, I have strong social skills, as evidenced by my four years as a member of the Reed College ultimate frisbee team and a recent volunteer position as an outdoor trip student leader. I am sharp and calm, a goal-oriented team player. These skills and characteristics make me a good choice for the position of analyst at the Analysis Group. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my background with you, either over the phone or in person. I can be reached by phone at (714) 362 6823 or by email at andywinterman@gmail.com.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Sincerely,
Andrew Winterman

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